

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) An enclosed switchgear comprising:
a vacuum valve including a pair of switching contacts and disposed in a gas tank filled with an insulating gas;
a moving current-carrying shaft, a first end of which is integrally coupled with a moving contact of said vacuum valve;
a contact pressure adjusting spring disposed on a second end of said moving current-carrying shaft;
an operating rod extending ~~through~~ into the gas tank;
an operation mechanism part switching ~~the~~ said vacuum valve, mounted on said operating rod, and located outside the gas tank; and
an insulating rod mounted on said operating rod ~~and~~, located inside the gas tank; ~~and an insulating rod electrically insulating said operating rod from said contact pressure adjusting spring, wherein said contact pressure adjusting spring is joined to said insulating rod.~~ [[,]]

2. (Previously Presented) The enclosed switchgear according to claim 1, including an insulating barrier covering at least a part of an outer circumference of said contact pressure adjusting spring and integral with said insulating rod.

3. (Previously Presented) The enclosed switchgear according to claim 2, including a spring retainer plate for shortening and keeping said contact pressure adjusting spring to a predetermined length and mounted on said insulating rod, an outer diameter of said spring retainer plate being smaller than an inner diameter of said insulating barrier on said insulating rod.

4. (Currently Amended) The enclosed switchgear according to claim 1, wherein the gas tank is filled with the insulating gas at a pressure of 0.1 to 0.30 MPa.abs. and the insulating gas is selected from the group consisting of air without treatment, air from which at least one of water and dust have been removed, nitrogen, a mixture of oxygen and nitrogen, and a mixture of carbon dioxide and nitrogen.

5. (Previously Presented) The enclosed switchgear according to claim 1, wherein the gas tank is filled with the insulating gas at a pressure of 0.1 to 0.30 MPa.abs. and the

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insulating gas is selected from the group consisting of SF₆, c-C₄F₈, C₂F₆, and C₃F₈ mixed with one of nitrogen gas and air.